**Romanesque Vocabulary**

* **Ambulatory:** A path that leads around the apse of a church. It allows for pilgrims to move freely around the perimeter of the church
* **Apse:** The rounded end of the church where the altar is
* **Archivolts:** an ornamental molding or band following the curve on the underside of an arch
* **Arcade:** A series of arches supported by columns
* **Bay:** A section of a church that is embraced by a set of columns and us usually composed arches and aligned windows
* **Chapel:** part of the church dedicated for the prayers to a particular saint, usually for small groups of people
* **Jambs:** the side of a doorway or window frame. The jambs of the portals of Romanesque and Gothic churches are frequently decorated with figure sculpture.
* **Lintel:** a horizontal beam spanning an openings, as over a window or door, or between two posts
* **Narthex:** The vestibule or lobby of a church
* **Nave:** The main aisle of the church
* **Reliquary:** A vessel used for holding a scared relic often they took the shape of the object they held. Precious metals and stones were often used.
* **Transept:** an area set crosswise to the nave in a cruciform ("cross-shaped") building
* **Trumeau:** doorpost supporting lintel
* **Tympanum:** A rounded sculpture placed over the portal of a medieval church